

# Idaho Department of Correction

*Brief Sheet— December 2009*  
*Project Protect Idaho*

*Idaho's Premier Black Hat Agency*  
*"Protecting Idaho through Safety, Accountability,  
Partnerships and Opportunities for offender change."*



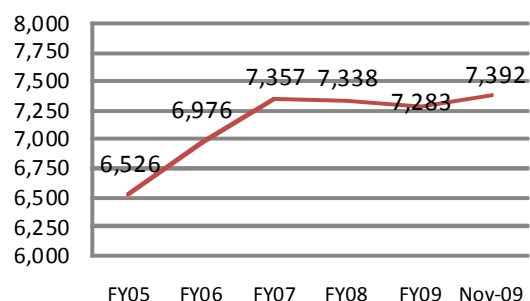
## Population: From No Growth to Slow Growth

The year of "No Growth in 2009" is now complete and the Department of Correction is experiencing **slow growth**. The prison population has increased by about 100 inmates so far this fiscal year.

That might sound concerning but here is the reality.

- ⇒ The forecast anticipated 4% growth this year. This growth is still below historic 7% growth levels though 2008.
- ⇒ Idaho is still below its all-time prison population high of 7,463 reached back in May 2008.
- ⇒ The majority of the current increase is in the retained jurisdiction population. These offenders receive treatment for 180 days, then most are released to probation.

**IDOC Incarcerated Offender Population  
FY05 to Nov 2009**



*The incarcerated offender population dropped 55 inmates in 2009 and has increased 109 inmates through November of this fiscal year.*

Idaho continues to reap the benefits of efforts to provide substance abuse treatment in communities, more connected treatment, and system improvements by avoiding millions of dollars in costs associated with increased prison population. *One efficiency example is highlighted below.*

These are challenging times. The Department budget is down 14%. Staff are managing the same responsibilities with 500 offenders more than at the beginning of FY09. Approximately 100 of those offenders are in prisons and 400 are being managed by probation and parole.

Because of the fine black hat crew at the Department, Idaho remains safe. Our budgets are threadbare, but our commitment to protect Idaho remains the compass.

*Black Hat Tour of Prisons*  
*Tuesday, January 12th*  
*1:30-4:30pm*  
*Bus departs the Capital at 1:30*  
To reserve your seat:  
[Istanton@idoc.idaho.gov](mailto:Istanton@idoc.idaho.gov) or 658-2139  
**Black hats are optional but suggested!**



## Project Protect Idaho Efficiencies

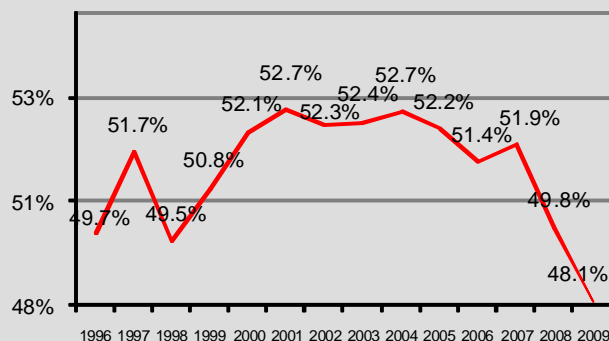
The Department's Project Protect Idaho focuses on finding efficiencies while keeping Idaho safe.

The new community corrections violation matrix is one example of working to hold offenders accountable. The matrix provides added alternative sanctions to get offenders back on track in communities if public safety isn't at risk.

From 2007 to 2009, 231 fewer probationers revoked probation and went to prison. In cost avoidance that adds up to about \$5 million. This was part of the Department's "No Growth in 2009" initiative to balance the budget during FY09.

Nationwide, about 40% of those in prison are considered non-violent. Idaho's non-violent population was over 50% the last decade, but dropped to 48% during the last fiscal year. The matrix combined with treatment available in communities is part of the reason Idaho's prison population went down last year and is experiencing slow growth this year.

**IDOC Incarcerated Offender Population  
Portion of Non-Violent Offenders 1996-2009**



*Drug, property and alcohol crimes are measured as non-violent crimes. Murder, assault and sex crimes are measured as violent crimes.*